

**Governor's Family Violence Council Meeting**  
**Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services**  
**Wednesday, July 7, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participating Members:**

Jeanne Yeager, Chair  
Dorothy Lennig, Esq., Vice-Chair  
Lillian Agbeyegbe  
Heather Amador for V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.  
Jessica Dickerson for Secretary Sam Abed  
Debbie Feinstein, Esq.  
Lt. Diane Hansen for Superintendent Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III  
Lisae Jordan, Esq. for Delegate Kriselda Valderrama  
Senator Susan Lee  
Sara Lewis for Secretary Robert Neall  
Dr. Pamela Love Manning  
Marcia Morris for Secretary Lourdes Padilla  
Lisa Nitsch  
Scott Patterson, Esq.  
Jennifer Pollitt-Hill  
Stacey Rice, Esq.  
Manuel Ruiz  
Delegate Haven Shoemaker  
David Shultie  
Anne Weatherholt  
Carrie Williams, Esq. for Attorney General Brian Frosh

**Guests:**

Reverend Larry Crabtree  
Michael Lore

**Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Staff:**

Rebecca Allyn and Erica Hiner

**I. Welcome & Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:02 a.m. Ms. Allyn conducted a roll call and guests introduced themselves.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the April 2021 Council meeting were provided to members and guests. Ms. Pollitt-Hill made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Lennig seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

### **III. Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Grant Updates**

Ms. Allyn shared that the Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA)/Domestic Violence Program (DOMV) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) should be released within the next week. The Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Grant Program (SARC) NOFA remains on hold and it will be posted as soon as the Office receives approval. Letters of intent and denials have been issued for the Internet Crimes Against Children Fund (ICAC) and the Office is processing awards. Applications for the Legal Services for Crime Victims (LSCV) fund and Survivors of Homicide Grant (SOHG) are under review. The Maryland Victims of Crime Fund (MVOC) award decisions have been issued and denied applicants have been notified. The Office is working on processing the MVOC awards. The Office anticipates releasing the competitive NOFAs for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG), and the Children's Justice Act Committee (CJAC) later in July or early August. The details for the release of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) NOFA are being finalized.

### **IV. Governor's Family Violence Council Manual**

Ms. Allyn shared a draft of the Governor's Family Violence Council Manual with members. The manual outlines the duties, procedures, and responsibilities of the Governor's Family Violence Council and its members. Ms. Pollitt-Hill stated she would like the Office/Council to consider adding a permanent membership seat for a representative of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence on the Council.

Ms. Yeager made a motion to adopt the manual; Ms. Pollitt-Hill seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the manual was adopted.

### **V. Workgroup Updates**

#### *a. Intimate Partner Violence and Pregnancy*

The workgroup is working on a social media campaign for October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, to increase awareness of the risks associated between intimate partner violence and pregnancy. The workgroup will be concluded by the end of the year.

#### *b. Fingerprinting in Domestic Violence Cases*

The workgroup is scheduled to meet with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services on August 30 to continue discussions regarding increasing fingerprinting oversight. The workgroup will regroup following this meeting, if necessary.

#### *c. Abuse Intervention Program (AIP) Workgroup*

Five programs are due for site visits this year. Ms. Allyn will schedule the visits for August and September. Council members are invited to assist with the site visits.

Ms. Nitsch informed members that House of Ruth Maryland has been experiencing issues again with client's probation being closed before completion of the abuse intervention program (AIP). Ms. Nitsch recommended that the Abusers Not Meeting Conditions of Court Orders Workgroup should be reinstated. Ms. Lennig made a motion to reinstate the workgroup; Ms. Pollitt-Hill

seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the workgroup was reinstated. Ms. Allyn will invite relevant stakeholders to take part in the workgroup.

#### **VI. AIP Certification Recommendations**

During the certification cycle this year, 15 programs applied for certification, including 14 applications for recertification and one application for a new program. Ms. Allyn reminded members that applications with an average score of 90 or above would be recommended for certification and a request for any missing documentation would be issued. Scores of 89 or below would not be recommended for certification. Of the 15 applications, 13 received a score of 90 or above, including one program receiving a score of 100. Two programs, including the new program and a currently certified program, are not recommended for certification due to failure to include required documentation with the application. Members reviewed the recommendations chart. Ms. Nitsch made a motion to approve the AIP recommendations; Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the AIP recommendations were approved. Ms. Allyn will notify programs of the certification decisions.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Ms. Yeager made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:05 a.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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